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Last phase of WIS 164 project begins in Waukesha County

Work begins this week on \$6.5 million contract to complete the remaining phase of the WIS 164 project in Waukesha County. Governor Doyle recently approved the contract.

Work on the 1.2 mile project on WIS 164 from Prospect Court to Howard Lane includes grading and reconstructing the roadway from two lanes to four, as well as storm sewer and sidewalk work. The project also includes constructing a box culvert under the highway for bikes and pedestrians on the Bugline Recreation Trail.

Bruce Barnes, Wisconsin Department of Transportation Project Manager, said the current roadway is experiencing traffic volumes too great to be safely carried. The new four-lane road will provide several safety benefits, including:

- Increased traffic capacity with reduced congestion.
- A 30-foot-wide median with curb and gutter and turn lanes to reduce the possibility of vehicles crossing into oncoming traffic.
- Controlled access points and limited median openings to improve safety and traffic flow.

"WIS 164 will remain open to traffic for the majority of the construction season. However, a one-weekend closure of WIS 164 will be necessary at some point during construction for railroad work between the County VV and Hillside Road intersections," noted Barnes. A marked detour for that weekend will be posted via County K, WIS 74 and County V to County Q.

The contractor for this phase of the project is Hoffman Construction Company. This is the third of three construction projects on Highway 164:

- Phase 1: Rockwood Drive to Swan Road (completed in 2004)
- Phase 2: Swan Road to Prospect Court (completed in 2005)
- Phase 3: Prospect Court to Howard Lane (end of 2006)

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